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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SIGNING OF DEFENSE AGREEMENT

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1. SCANT INITIAL COMMENT ON YESTERDAY'S USG-GOI EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON IDF (REFTEL) HAS FOCUSED ON FACT THAT SEPTEMBER 26 AGREEMENT WAS NOT PRESENTED TO ICELANDIC PARLIAMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING.

2. EXPLAINING GOI'S DECISION NOT TO SEEK ALTHING APPROVAL, FONMIN EINAR AGUSTSSON TOLD SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S DAILY ALTHYDUBLADID THAT "IT WAS NOT FELT ANY CHANGES IN THE 1951 AGREEMENT WERE INVOLVED." AGUSTSSON ADDED THAT PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD NOT SOUGHT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL FOR ITS DEFENSE PROPOSALS AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ALTHING ACTION NOW TO RESCIND THEM.

3. COMMUNIST-DOMINATED PEOPLES ALLIANCE DAILY THJODVILJINN TODAY
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REPORTED THAT PA'S LUDVIK JOSEPPSON HAD TRIED IN ALTHING'S

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO BRING AGREEMENT BEFORE FULL
LEGISLATURE BUT WAS DEFEATED BY VOTES OF COALITION MP'S WITH
SDP CHAIRMAN GYLFI GISLASON ABSTAINING. IN SAME FRONT PAGE
ARTICLE, THJODVILJINN SAID EINAR AGUSTSSON HAD SUNK TO NEW
DEPTHS OF DISGRACE WITH YESTERDAY'S SIGNING.

4. MORNING PAPERS OF GOVERNMENT PARTIES, MORGUNBLADID AND
TIMINN, CARRIED ONLY BRIEF, FACTUAL REPORT OF SIGNING.
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